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I support bill 5433 collective bargaining for PCAs

Sometimes I have to take care of my consumers on holidays or in emergencies, but I don't get paid for the work that I do. I don't understand why we're working to care of people that we don't get any vacation days or days that we get sick. If I'm sick, I have to go to work anyway or I won't get paid. We don't have health insurance either. If I get sick I can't go to the doctor. How am I going to take care of my consumers if I'm I can't take care of myself?

I think it's great that there is a union that tries to help homecare workers. I like knowing that someone is looking out for us while we look out for our consumers. Having the union is only a first step to be able to take care of ourselves so we can make things better for the people we take care of.

If we can get this bill passed we can ask for better benefits. We can also save the state money so when our consumers stay at home instead of going to a nursing home. We want to be able to expand services for consumers and get the things other workers have, like health insurance and paid sick days.